

(3) has not received another award in the same category under subsection (f) of this section during the preceding 5-year period; and

(4) meets such other requirements and specifications as the Secretary determines are appropriate to achieve the objectives of this section.

(h) Board

(1) Selection

The Secretary shall appoint a board of evaluators, consisting of at least 5 individuals from the private sector selected for their knowledge and experience in exporting United States agricultural products.

(2) Meetings

The board shall meet at least once annually to review and evaluate all applicants and entities recommended by States under subsection (g)(1) of this section.

(3) Recommendations of board

The board shall report its recommendations concerning the making of the award to the Secretary.

(4) Term

Each member of the board may serve a term of not to exceed 3 years.

(i) Funding

The Secretary may seek and accept gifts from public and private sources to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title II, §261, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 972.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, and not as part of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 which comprises this chapter.

SUBCHAPTER V—FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

§ 5691. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-354, title II, § 225(e)(1), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3214

Section, Pub. L. 95-501, title V, §501, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3686, established position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programs.

A prior section 501 of Pub. L. 95-501 enacted section 2211a of this title, amended section 5314 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and enacted provisions set out as a note under section 2211a of this title, prior to the complete revision of Pub. L. 95-501 by Pub. L. 101-624.

§ 5692. Administrator of Foreign Agricultural Service

(a) Establishment

There is hereby established in the Department of Agriculture the position of Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service.

(b) Duties

The Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service is authorized to exercise such functions and perform such duties related to foreign agriculture, and shall perform such other duties, as may be required by law or prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(c) Use of service

In carrying out the duties under this section, the Administrator shall oversee the operations of the Foreign Agricultural Service, the General Sales Manager, and the Agricultural Attaché Service.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title V, §502, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3686.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 6912 of this title.

§ 5693. Duties of Foreign Agricultural Service

The Service shall assist the Secretary in carrying out the agricultural trade policy and international cooperation policy of the United States by—

(1) acquiring information pertaining to agricultural trade;

(2) carrying out market promotion and development activities;

(3) providing agricultural technical assistance and training; and

(4) carrying out the programs authorized under this chapter, the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1691 et seq.), and other Acts.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title V, §503, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3686; amended Pub. L. 104-127, title II, §250, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 971.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, referred to in par. (4), is act July 10, 1954, ch. 469, 68 Stat. 454, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 41 (§1691 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1691 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-127 substituted “Duties” for “Establishment” in section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Service shall assist the Secretary in carrying out the agricultural trade policy of the United States by acquiring information pertaining to agricultural trade, carrying out market promotion and development activities, and implementing the programs authorized in this chapter, the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, and other Acts.”

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 6912 of this title.

§ 5694. Staff of Foreign Agricultural Service

(a) Personnel of Service

To ensure that the agricultural export programs of the United States are carried out in an effective manner, the authorized number of personnel for the Service shall not be less than 900 staff years each fiscal year.

(b) Rank of Foreign Agricultural Service officers in foreign missions

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of State shall, on the request of the Secretary of Agriculture, accord the diplomatic title of Minister-Counselor to the senior

Service officer assigned to any United States mission abroad. The number of Service officers holding such diplomatic title at any time may not exceed twelve.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title V, § 504, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, § 1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3686.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in subsec. (b) of this section appear in the following appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 101-506, title IV, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1343.

Pub. L. 100-202, § 101(k) [title IV, § 401], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-322, 1329-350.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AND EVALUATION OF FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE OFFICERS

Section 1556 of title XV of Pub. L. 101-624, as amended by Pub. L. 104-127, title II, § 281(b), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 980, provided that:

“(a) ASSESSMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMPETENCE.—The Foreign Agricultural Service shall revise its evaluation reports for its Foreign Service officers so as to require in a separate entry an assessment of the officer’s effectiveness in using, in his or her work, a foreign language or foreign languages tested at the General Professional Speaking Proficiency level or above, in cases where the supervisor is capable of making such an assessment.

“(b) PRECEDENCE IN PROMOTION.—The Director of Personnel of the Foreign Agricultural Service shall instruct promotion panels to take account of language ability and, all criteria for promotion otherwise being equal, to give precedence in promotions to officers who have achieved at least the General Professional Speaking Proficiency level in 1 or more foreign languages over officers who lack that level of proficiency.”

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 1748 of this title.

§ 5695. Authorization of appropriations

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the Service such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title V, § 505, formerly § 506, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, § 1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3687; renumbered § 505, Pub. L. 102-237, title III, § 314, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1856.)

SUBCHAPTER VI—REPORTS

§ 5711. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-127, title II, § 241(c)(1), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 964

Section, Pub. L. 95-501, title VI, § 601, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, § 1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3687; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title III, § 315, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1856, required Secretary to periodically prepare long-term agricultural trade strategy reports.

§ 5712. Export reporting and contract sanctity

(a) Export sales reports

(1) In general

All exporters of wheat and wheat flour, feed grains, oil seeds, cotton and products thereof, and other commodities that the Secretary may designate produced in the United States shall report to the Secretary of Agriculture, on a weekly basis, the following information regarding any contract for export sales en-

tered into or subsequently modified in any manner during the reporting period:

- (A) type, class, and quantity of the commodity sought to be exported;
- (B) the marketing year of shipment; and
- (C) destination, if known.

(2) Confidentiality and compilation of reports

Individual reports shall remain confidential but shall be compiled by the Secretary and published in compilation form each week following the week of reporting.

(3) Immediate reporting

All exporters of agricultural commodities produced in the United States shall, upon request of the Secretary, immediately report to the Secretary any information with respect to export sales of agricultural commodities and at such times as the Secretary may request. When the Secretary requires that such information be reported by exporters on a daily basis, the information compiled from individual reports shall be made available to the public daily.

(4) Monthly reporting permitted

The Secretary may, with respect to any commodity or type or class thereof during any period in which the Secretary determines that—

(A) there is a domestic supply of such commodity substantially in excess of the quantity needed to meet domestic requirements,

(B) total supplies of such commodity in the exporting countries are estimated to be in surplus,

(C) anticipated exports will not result in excessive drain on domestic supplies, and

(D) to require the reports to be made will unduly hamper export sales,

provide for such reports by exporters and publishing of such data to be on a monthly basis rather than on a weekly basis.

(b) Failure to report

Any person who knowingly fails to make any report required under this section shall be fined not more than \$25,000 or imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both.

(c) Contract sanctity

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President shall not prohibit or curtail the export of any agricultural commodity under an export sales contract—

(1) that is entered into before the President announces an action that would otherwise prohibit or curtail the export of the commodity, and

(2) the terms of which require delivery of the commodity within 270 days after the date of the suspension of trade is imposed,

except that the President may prohibit or curtail the export of any agricultural commodity during a period for which the President has declared a national emergency or for which the Congress has declared war.

(Pub. L. 95-501, title VI, § 602, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, § 1531, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3688; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title III, § 327, Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1858.)